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SENATOR GEORGE: Along the Platte River.

SENATOR KEYES: Along the Platte River, yes.

SENATOR GEORGE: Are you taking additional agricultural land into the development?

SENATOR KEYES: No, there is no additional agricultural land. It is land already...

SENATOR GEORGE: You are just extending the Schramm park into the wooded lands along the river.

SENATOR KEYES: No, this is going on to the Schramm park. The land is already there.

SENATOR GEORGE: Would you say that that is a good recreational area for Omaha?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, when I was a young boy, it was one of the prime recreation areas around here but the Game Commission allowed it to completely deteriorate.

SENATOR GEORGE: How far is it from Omaha, to drive?

SENATOR KEYES: I believe it would be about probably 19 or 20 miles depending on which you count Omaha.

SENATOR GEORGE: OK. Thank you. Mr. President, I would support Senator Keyes proposal because we have talked about this before. Omaha claims that they have only 1 1/2% of the recreational areas of the state in their vicinity. I think Schramm Park, being only 19 miles away from Omaha, should be counted as an additional recreational outlet for Omaha and, therefore, I would support it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: If I might take a minute, LB 314 is before the Appropriations Committee. It has not been acted upon. This is what 314 says, and it is just one paragraph. It is hereby appropriated \$40,000 from the Nebraska Capital Construction fund for the period of July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976 to the Games and Parks Commission for the purpose of developing physical plans, which is the first step for an aquarium, visitors center, nature center at Schramm recreation area located in Sarpy County, Nebraska. Now, Senator Frank Lewis is wrong. It isn't the first time he is wrong but he is wrong in the fact that he says this is simply \$30,000 appropriated to an ongoing project. That is not true. That is not true. Now this Legislature can do whatever they want to but the fact of the matter is, whether we are talking about 13 1/3 or 14 million dollar project for the Institute of Natural Resources and Agriculture or whether we are talking for this project that Senator Keyes has in mind in Schramm Park, and incidentally, I used to room with Dr. Schramm at the YMCA, so I knew him very well. He was a highly respected geologist and a fine teacher at the University of Nebraska so we are not talking against him, against the Park. We are talking about developing a system whereby this Legislature has some method of tying itself to the development of capital construction projects.